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German Unity Trauma Taxes East (and West) Three Years After the Berlin Wall, Economy's Rebound Elusive as Ever

By Craig R. Whitney
DUISBURG, Germany — More than three years after the initial euphoria over reunification, Germans are beginning to discover that they have to build a new country...



Security guards taking photographs Sunday before Mao's portrait in Tiananmen Square.

North Korea Likely To Have Developed Own Atomic Bomb, CIA Tells President

By Stephen Engelberg and Michael R. Gordon
WASHINGTON — The Central Intelligence Agency has told President Bill Clinton that North Korea has probably developed one or two nuclear bombs...

U.S. Role in Europe Shrinks In Wake of Yugoslav War

By William Drozdiak and Daniel Williams
Although it has failed to end the war, Western policy in Bosnia-Herzegovina has brought about an important shift in the relationship of the United States with its key allies in Western Europe...

China Gingerly Celebrates The Centennial of Mao

By Patrick E. Tyler
BEIJING — Ten thousand Communist Party members and their guests filed into the Great Hall of the People in Tiananmen Square on Sunday to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Mao Zedong's birth...

China Opposes UN Sanctions On Pyongyang

By Steven Mufson
BEIJING — Prime Minister Li Peng said Sunday that China opposed economic sanctions to compel North Korea to accept full international inspections of its nuclear facilities...

Kiosk Kidnappers Flee With \$10 Million

MINERALNIYE VODY, Russia (AP) — Four masked kidnappers fled with \$10 million in ransom after landing their explosive-packed military helicopter and freeing its captive pilots on Sunday...

7 Die in Philippines Attack

MANILA (AP) — Unidentified attackers hurled three grenades into a Roman Catholic cathedral packed with worshippers on Sunday, killing seven people and wounding about 130 others...

Up and Coming: An occasional series about the names in tomorrow's headlines. Sing Wang Hoo, whose Singapore company adds music to computers. Page 2. Book Review: Bridge. Page 5.

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FLOOD CLEANUP IN COLOGNE — A Cologne restaurateur washing mud away as Rhine River floodwaters receded Sunday. Cleanups were under way in the Netherlands and Belgium, too, after torrential rains caused the worst flooding in decades. Page 2.

Swiss Case Tests Clinton Policy On Plutonium

By Thomas W. Lippman
WASHINGTON — The first test of the Clinton administration's new policy on nuclear proliferation and the use of plutonium has come from an unlikely country: Switzerland...

American Indians Finding Good Fortune in Casinos

By Francis X. Clines
MILWAUKEE — The con artist was tracked by the Indians across a half-dozen reservations, their ceiling television cameras zooming in on her hands as she played at blackjack tables and coolly cheated tribal casinos out of \$3,900 a sitting...

STATESIDE / AN OLD BATTLEFIELD

In Appalachian South, Poverty Is a Durable Opponent

By Guy Gugliotta
Washington Post Service

HAZARD, Kentucky — The last time the United States fought a war on poverty here, nearly 30 years have passed since the April day in 1964 when President Lyndon B. Johnson stood on the steps of a courthouse 60 miles north of here and promised to attack poverty "in all its forms" and "drive it underground."

Now another president has picked up the lance. With equal fanfare, President Bill Clinton has pledged to "end welfare as we know it," reform the health care system and "make work pay."

But while the urban slum may be poverty's symbol today, the Appalachia that caught Mr. Johnson's eye remains a fitting laboratory. The symptoms of hardship in America — ignorance, unemployment, sickness, isolation, crime and drugs — are still as visible in the hardwood-cloaked hollows of East Kentucky as they are in the asphalt wastelands of East Harlem. And just as in the cities, Appalachian

Kentucky is a place where jobs have dried up and blown away. If Mr. Clinton wants to change the patterns of poverty in America — rural or urban — he will have to reverse a downward spiral that began decades ago.

Hard times in the country run counter to Appalachia's image as a land of folk-dancers, in 1964 the folk singer Jean Ritchie from a huge family in Viper, just south of Hazard, was Appalachian Kentucky's favorite daughter. Later came Loretta Lynn, from Butcher's Hollow, then Crystal Gayle, of Paintsville, and today the Judds, Naomi and Wynonna, mother and daughter, from Ashland.

But the reality is different: "What we have here is extensive grain alcohol abuse, family violence, homicide, accident, substance abuse and depression," said Karen Mann, deputy director of the University of Kentucky's Center for Rural Health. "But the real problem is poverty, and we haven't figured out how to treat that."

The Rural Health Center outside Hazard sits in the middle of a 23-county area of southeastern Kentucky where poverty rates run 32 percent and up. Owsley County, about 20 miles west of here, has a 51 percent poverty rate — as bad as anywhere in the country.

This is the heart of Appalachia. Among the 23 counties, median household incomes range from \$8,595 to \$16,202 per year. Nationally, the median is \$30,436. In Perry County, where Hazard is the largest town, unemployment is 15.2 percent, half the adults dropped out of high school and 17 percent of all housing units have no phone.

Such numbers are comparable to those from any economically depressed inner-city neighborhood, "a similarity that has occurred to me many times," said Marcus Bordelon, director of the Credit Union and Loan Fund, a grass-roots development group based in Berea, Kentucky.

But at least one thing is different, he added. In the cities, minorities suffer disproportionately, but in Appalachia the

CIA Says Threat Of Missile Strike On U.S. Is Slight

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Central Intelligence Agency has concluded that Iran, Iraq, Libya, and North Korea have the "political support or motivation" to develop long-range missiles that could strike the United States and that all but Libya have the "technical capability" to do so within 15 years.

But there is no evidence that any of them is actually working on such a project, the agency found, adding that it was unlikely that any of them would do so, for economic or other reasons.

Rather than develop their own intercontinental ballistic missiles to challenge the United States with nuclear or chemical warheads, they may try to "purchase everything from complete missile systems to essential technologies from countries with existing ICBMs," according to the CIA.

The agency's analysis was prepared at the request of Representative Ronald V. Dellums, Democrat of California, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Mr. Dellums's office released a declassified summary last week.

The report can be both alarming or reassuring for U.S. residents. While it takes seriously the possibility that hostile or revenge-minded nations could develop or acquire the ability to strike at the United States, it said.

— THOMAS W. LIPPMAN

A Stay of Execution For Smallpox Virus

By Lawrence K. Altman
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The smallpox virus, one of the biggest killers in history, has won a temporary stay from its planned execution this week, because some scientists have begun to argue that the virus could yield useful medical knowledge about smallpox and perhaps other diseases.

Health officials in the United States and Russia, who hold the last known stocks of the smallpox virus, had planned to destroy them in a simultaneous execution by New Year's Eve.

With both the United States and Russia agreeing, the recommendation for destruction was announced by the World Health Organization three years ago. But both countries have now decided to delay destruction beyond the agreed deadline, while some last-minute doubts about the wisdom of such a final step are debated.

POLITICAL NOTES



The Clintons joining in a sing-along performance of Handel's "Messiah" in Washington.

Credibility Problem for Troopers

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — For almost a week, two Arkansas state troopers have held the attention of the White House and much of the national press by saying they had firsthand knowledge that the president was a power-happy philanderer.

But until lately, the troopers, Larry G. Patterson and Roger L. Perry, had been spared the sort of questioning directed at President Bill Clinton's personal life. Now, under closer scrutiny, it is apparent that they have had credibility problems.

By far the most serious is sworn testimony in two lawsuits in Pulaski County Circuit Court in Little Rock that the two troopers and a third trooper admitted collaborating last year to falsify an account of a 1990 car accident. Mr. Perry was seeking \$100,000 in insurance payments in the two suits.

The troopers could have faced serious punishment had the facts of the accident become known. Mr. Patterson, drunk, demolished a state police car while bar-hopping with the other two troopers.

"In my 17 years of doing this kind of work, they lied as bad as anyone I've ever known," said the insurance company's lawyer, Roy G. Sanders.

The two troopers admit to misstatements about the accident, although they deny that they conspired to defraud the insurance company.

On Wednesday, another Arkansas trooper, Danny Ferguson, issued a statement denying one of their gravest charges against the president: that Mr. Clinton had personally offered Mr. Ferguson a federal job in exchange for help in quashing the stories about Mr. Clinton's marital infidelity while he was governor of Arkansas.

Mr. Patterson and Mr. Perry insisted Thursday that their assault on the president was motivated not by money or a desire for celebrity, but by pent-up fury over years of mistreatment while serving with Mr. Clinton's personal security detail.

"You block roads for him," Mr. Patterson said. "You run all the personal errands, and then he forgets about you." Complaining that he even had to clean up after the Clintons' dog, Mr. Patterson

More Housing Department Fraud

WASHINGTON — Real-estate speculators, mortgage-company officials, multifamily property owners and others misused or stole more than \$200 million from the Department of Housing and Urban Development during the year that ended Sept. 30, according to a report from the agency's inspector general.

The report said that amid the department's staffing shortages and mismanagement, which have resulted in previously reported huge losses in major programs, many smaller crimes had been committed and misapplications of funds discovered that add up to heavy losses.

The inspector general's office, which reports twice annually on the agency's operations, said 375 people were convicted of fraud, theft and other crimes involving the department's mortgage insurance, rental assistance, public housing and other programs in the year that ended in September.

Government investigators recovered \$88.7 million of the losses from a variety of programs during the 1993 fiscal year and expect eventually to get back another \$121 million, according to the report.

The inspector general's office said it did not know the overall extent of the losses, including money that cannot be recovered.

Investigators focus much of their attention on individuals and companies using fraud to get assistance, most often perpetrated by "real-estate investors, speculators and brokers" in programs that help people buy homes, the report said. (WP)

Quote/Unquote

Housing Secretary Henry G. Cisneros on the motivation behind new reports that Bill Clinton had extramarital affairs while he was governor of Arkansas: "Is it just to search and destroy, slash and burn, and follow every lead that comes along about anyone in public life?" (Reuters)

Abortion Foes Focus On Symbol

By Karen De Witt
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — A decision by the Clinton administration to require states to pay for abortions for a small number of poor women is shaping up as a significant symbol, one that abortion opponents say they will use in the coming fight over the administration's health care plan.

Bruce C. Vladeck, the federal official in charge of Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor, said last week that the administration would issue regulations requiring states to pay for abortions for low-income women made pregnant by rape or incest as well as when the life of the pregnant woman was threatened.

The number of abortions that might result from such public financing would be small, perhaps in the neighborhood of 1,000, compared with the millions performed each year without public money.

But the issue has symbolic importance both to supporters of abortion rights and opponents because of the contentious question of whether abortions will be covered when Congress begins to overhaul the health care system next year. President Bill Clinton sent a detailed health care plan to Congress last fall that would blur the distinction between the abortion options of the middle class and the poor.

Advocates of abortion rights maintain that the directive merely follows through on a recent change in the law, which relaxed the ban on federal financing of abortions to allow the government to pay for abortions in the case of rape and incest. But abortion foes argue that the directive indicates the administration's intention to carry out its leanings in favor of abortion rights.

KOREA: CIA Sees Bomb Evidence

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North Korea to open all seven of its officially disclosed nuclear sites to international monitors. But they caution that important details need to be worked out, and there is no agreement on whether inspectors can visit two waste dumps to see how much plutonium the North Koreans might have produced.

American officials said that if President Clinton accepted the intelligence report as true, the diplomacy aimed at trading broader diplomatic and economic ties for nuclear concessions would be considerably complicated.

"Ultimately, the president will have to make a decision on the basis of the evidence," said a senior administration official. The study's findings raise problems for South Korea, which has been urging a negotiated solution. "Having one or two bombs would create a very serious issue for us," said a senior South Korean diplomat in Seoul.

Previous intelligence failures by all parties are casting a shadow over the debate. Some State Department and Pentagon officials say they believe intelligence analysts have put forward "worst case" conclusions as they cannot be accused of failing, as they did in the case of Iraq, to sound sufficient warning about a nuclear program.

On the other hand, intelligence experts assert that the State Department has consistently underestimated North Korea's abilities. Analysts in the department, for example, for years disputed the notion that North Korea had a reprocessing plant for plutonium, accepting North Korea's assertion that the giant building at Yongbyon was a textile factory.

CHINA: Korea Sanctions Opposed

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North Korea and China said China did not believe North Korea has the capability of building nuclear weapons. North Korea has assured China on numerous occasions that it does not possess nuclear weapons, the diplomat said.

At the same time, he added, China and Russia, both longtime allies of North Korea, are deeply concerned about the destabilizing effect a nuclear North Korea would have on the region.

Mr. Li on Sunday called for resolving the dispute by negotiation. "China favors a proper settlement of the issue through dialogues and consultations, instead of imposing pressure and sanctions," Mr. Li told Mr. Butros Ghali, according to Xinhua.

Mr. Li called for a nonnuclear Korean peninsula.

"We hold that denuclearization of the peninsula will be realized at an early date," he said, "for this will be not only conducive to peace and stability in the peninsula, but also in line with the common interests" of North and South Korea.

South Korea, Japan and the West have repeatedly asked China to use its influence to persuade North Korea to accept the inspections. China came to North Korea's aid in 1950 in its war with U.S.-led UN forces and still has a mutual defense pact with North Korea.

Despite its longtime links with North Korea, it is not clear how much clout China has with North Korea, diplomats in Beijing say. For one thing, China has scaled back its aid to North Korea and is more interested now in wooing South Korea to attract investment in cities and ports.

Away From Politics

● A fire tore through the home of the Nobel prize-winning author Toni Morrison in Rookland County, New York, injuring two firemen, a fire official said. The author, 62, was not home at the time, but a son who was in the sprawling old home beside the Hudson River, tried to fight the flames. He escaped without harm.

● Nearly half of Americans believe animals are a lot like humans when it comes to emotions and reasoning ability, according to a Los Angeles Times poll. Also, half of the 1,612 respondents said they objected to the wearing of fur, while slightly more, 54 percent, said they opposed hunting for sport. While 47 percent in the nationwide poll agreed that animals "are just like humans in all important ways," 51 percent disagreed and 2 percent had no opinion.

● A New York City fire fighter was awarded \$1 million by a State Supreme Court jury over burns he suffered in 1985 because the city fire department had refused to equip him with fire-resistant overalls.

● Dr. Jack Kevorkian vowed to launch a campaign across Michigan for a state constitutional amendment overturning a ban on assisted suicides. In interviews with The New York Times and the Detroit News, he also repeated his promise to refrain from assisting any more suicides until courts decide whether Michigan's law against the practice is valid.

Reuters, AP, NYT

Norman Vincent Peale, Preached Positive Thinking, Dies at 95

By George Vecsey
New York Times Service

The Reverend Norman Vincent Peale, 95, one of the most influential American religious figures of his time, died Friday at his estate in Pawling, New York. He had suffered a stroke earlier this month.

Mr. Peale helped create a spiritual tone in the postwar United States with sermons, broadcasts, newspaper columns and 41 books, especially his best-seller, "The Power of Positive Thinking," published in 1952.

He told presidents and business executives and millions of other people that a proper state of mind, induced by simple prayer, could produce spiritual and material success, which he demonstrated by becoming a wealthy man. Many in a country recovering from the Depression and a world war were more than ready to follow his thinking.

Mr. Peale never lacked for critics, who charged him with simplifying Christianity by avoiding deeper confrontations with sin and guilt. But he had millions of supporters who said he had brought them religious contentment.

He often admitted that his main target for these spiritual pep rallies was himself, that "even as recently as last night" he had found himself lacking in wisdom, courage or grace. Yet, he said, a few simple

prayers had given him the energy to urge others onward.

When he became pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church in New York City in 1932, Mr. Peale became one of the first American clergymen to bring psychiatric practices into religion, preparing the way for thousands of professional, religious-based counselors. His later emphasis on "positive thinking" predicated the current flood of self-help movements.

He was a favorite of wealthy business people; a critic of Vietnam War protesters; an opponent of John F. Kennedy in the 1960 presidential election for fear of a Vatican influence in the White House; and a supporter of his friend and

could go back through his books and change some of his views, particularly to strengthen the Christian view of repentance.

Alexander Mackendrick, 81, Director of British Comedies
New York Times Service

Alexander Mackendrick, 81, who directed the classic British film comedies "The Ladykillers," "Tight Little Island" and "The Man in the White Suit," died Wednesday of pneumonia in Los Angeles.

After World War II, Mr. Mackendrick wrote scripts and created storyboards for Ealing Studios in England, where he soon graduated to directing. His first effort was



Norman Vincent Peale, shown in a 1954 photo, inspired millions with sermons and books.

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE TRIB

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Rethinking Russian Reform

In the aftermath of the Russian elections, it would be wrong to think that those jarring returns were the result of too much reform. It is just the opposite. The worst of the social distress has been caused by too little reform.

Clintons' action falls well short of full and immediate public disclosure of the files. But it spares him a potentially embarrassing fight with his own attorney general, Janet Reno, whose investigators had threatened to subpoena the files.

Most of them are going to have to be closed. The Russian government has resisted it, fearing large-scale unemployment. But the huge subsidies required to keep these dinosaurs alive are draining Russia's strength.

Clinton Is Still Dodging

Bowing to political reality, President Bill Clinton has now instructed his lawyers to give the Justice Department all papers concerning his and Mrs. Clinton's partnership in a controversial Arkansas land deal.

These include files that had been presumptuously spirited from the office of the deputy White House counsel, Vincent Foster, following Mr. Foster's suicide.

Another Path for Algeria

Not surprisingly, the level of violence in Algeria steadily rises. A couple of thousand people have died there in street fighting and assassinations in the two years since the government, backed by the army, abruptly canceled a national election in which a Muslim fundamentalist party was winning.

If repression alone could end this kind of insurrection, the Algerian government would be well on its way to success. It has had a lot of experience with repression, and does not hesitate to use it. But in fact the toll only mounts.

Other Comment

Hosokawa's Tightrope Act

There is a serious possibility that Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa will be forced to dissolve parliament at the end of January. The reason: The Liberal Democratic Party is determined to sabotage passage of a crucial political reform bill, the centerpiece of the prime minister's reform package that will change the nature of Japan's electoral districts and impose stricter controls on campaign funds.

subsidies required to keep these dinosaurs alive are draining Russia's strength. The subsidies are responsible for the inflation that has severely depreciated the salaries of civil servants — teachers, doctors and the rest — and old-age pensions, generating huge social distress and resentment.

The big democracies may have made a mistake when they put the International Monetary Fund in charge of most of the joint foreign efforts to support reform in Russia. The Russians complain that the IMF has delivered far less money than promised.

But Russia is in the midst of a revolution, and the IMF is evidently not well equipped to deal with the very turbulent circumstances that it is encountering.

Clinton's Good Intentions Won't Get Us Through '94

By Charles Krauthammer

WASHINGTON — Year one of the Clinton foreign policy, the Year of Good Intentions, is mercifully over. It began with an inaugural address proclaiming a doctrine of armed humanitarianism — America acting "with force when necessary" not just to defend its interests but when "the will and conscience of the international community is defied."

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Young Suharto's Fast-Track Approach Is Hardly the Tigers' Way

HONG KONG — Symbolism matters everywhere, but no more so in Indonesia. None of the ways of Suharto, an Arkansas lawyer long obsessed with hatred of Bill Clinton.

It matters not because of her competence as a leader, or her life that permits people to spend their time and money as they wish. So there is no good reason to engage in prurient denunciation of the spending or investment habits of the proprietors of PT Megatrust, as the Indonesian investors' company is called.

1893: No Men Allowed

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Lunch in Gaza With Five Men Who Can Make It Work

GAZA CITY, Israeli-Occupied Gaza Strip — Stones bounce off our yellow-tinted Israeli bus, despite the heavy escort of gun-toting Israeli soldiers. From occupied Gaza's swarm of tattered shacks, we arrive at a startlingly pleasant white villa on a pristine Medi-

These Fatah leaders had spent years in Israeli prisons. Yet all said that Israeli determination and democracy impressed them.

terranean beach — the (English-language) Cliff Restaurant, just down a sandy street from the Love Boat.

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The Press Displays Its Weakness for the Dirt That Sells

BOSTON — The press has its own version of Gresham's Law: the tendency, in the competition for readers, to let the scandalous and sensational drive out serious news. An example is the press in Britain, where the title-tattle of the tabloids has lately infected the news judgment of the quality papers.

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ideas of government, which seem to be tepid, eclectic populism. Here is a famous old name to put up against President Suharto and his children.

By Stephen S. Rosenfeld

When I hear this in embattled Gaza — across a table of fresh vegetables and tasty hummus, lamb and rice, mineral water and sweet coffee — I find it almost too good to be true. This is what partisans of peace must want Palestinians to learn of Israelis. It is what one wants Israelis to learn of Palestinians. Is it a line peddled to innocent Americans? I choose to think otherwise.



reduces world tariffs by around 40 percent and will boost the world economy. More important, it will arrest the worldwide slide toward protectionism that threatened a return to the ruinous trade wars of the 1930s.

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A Rebuff On Ethnic Russians

Republics Reject Yeltsin Proposal

By Steven Erlanger
New York Times Service
MOSCOW — In a renewed display of tension over the resurgence of Russian nationalism, the former Soviet republics grouped in the Commonwealth of Independent States have rejected a Russian proposal to grant special status to Russians living inside their borders.



Mr. Zhirinovsky relaxing at a pool in Sandanski after proposing a shift in Bulgaria's leadership.

Zhirinovsky, Israeli Emigré?

By David Hoffman
Washington Post Service
JERUSALEM — Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the Russian nationalist whose party captured nearly one-fourth of the vote in last week's parliamentary elections, requested and was sent an invitation to immigrate to Israel in 1983, according to two Israeli officials.

Russian's Remarks Rattle Bulgaria

SANDANSKI, Bulgaria — The Russian nationalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky shook up Bulgarians on Sunday with a proposal to replace its president with an unknown Bulgarian working as one of Mr. Zhirinovsky's advisers.

NATO: New Relationship

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an Community conference in April for Baltic and East European states to draw up a "security map."

Israel May Offer Larger Jericho Enclave

JERUSALEM — In a concession to Palestinians, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told his cabinet on Sunday that Israel was ready to double the size of the autonomous enclave around the West Bank town of Jericho, Israeli radio said.

MAO: Centennial of His Birth Is Sensitive Milestone

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in failing health. But his presence was nonetheless felt.
In an hour-long address, Mr. Jiang asserted that even "Comrade Deng Xiaoping" had once "pointed out that Comrade Mao Zedong's contribution comes first and his mistakes in his later years come second."

CASINOS: New Days for Indians

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warring to the staff that tribal standards are right.
More important, Mr. Brown, who also exchanges the latest gaming intelligence with Las Vegas and Atlantic City operators, says he urges other tribes to duplicate a key Connecticut requirement in the tribal gaming compact for thorough criminal and professional background checks of each employee and sizable outside contractor.

Mitterrand Reportedly Got Cash

By Alan Riding
New York Times Service
PARIS — A judge investigating the affairs of a prominent French businessman who died in March 1989 while facing charges for insider trading has concluded that the man made regular cash payments to President François Mitterrand and his son, according to a French magazine.

BOOKS

IN EUROPE'S NAME: Germany and the Divided Continent

By Timothy Garton Ash. 680 pages. \$27.50. Random House.
Reviewed by Marc Fisher
COMMUNISM collapses, Germany reunites and Europe discovers ancient suspicions and rivalries. Now comes the post-mortem: Who gets credit for the revolutions of '89? Who shall be blamed for the confusion and tension that emerged in places whose blueprints called for a New World Order?

record. And who better to handle the investigation than Timothy Garton Ash, the Oxford fellow whose previous books on Central Europe have combined a reporter's eye, a student's passion and a historian's care, producing essays admired equally by academics and laymen.

In this work, examining the path toward revolutions powered from below, Garton Ash revisits his survey to policy drafted from above. The result is a superb work of research, one that will define the Who Was Right debate. But it is not the Garton Ash who captured in earlier works the spirit and striving of the Poles and the Czechs.

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The subject is Ostpolitik, the complex but consistent effort by West German politicians from the '60s through the '90s to stabilize relations with East Germany, the Soviet Union and the rest of the East Bloc even as the superpowers lurched back and forth between détente and brinkmanship.

Garton Ash shows that the West German belief in the permanence of the communist system created an Ostpolitik that was allergic to reform. In Bonn, they called it "quite seriously" — "overcoming the status quo by first not changing the status quo." The West's purchase of freedom for 250,000 East Germans sucked the life and creative spirit out of any indigenous dissident movement.

Manfred Klaus Kilian, physicist and former mayor of Rostock, Germany, is reading Dmitri Volkogonov's "Stalin: Triumph and Tragedy."

It's a good, deep analysis of his personality. For decades our city, too, was shaped by Stalinism and I wanted find out more about him. (David Mohr, LHT)

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott
TWO little-known players from Berkeley, California, Michel Schneider and John Fout, led into the two final sessions of the Blue Ribbon Pair Championship in Seattle, in November, but several famous players were in hot pursuit.

the act and West unblocked his queen. The diamond finesse was almost sure to lose, and a direct attempt to establish a heart trick was hopeless. East would take three more spade tricks as well as the heart ace for down one.

to permit a diamond lead through dummy's A-Q.
NORTH (D)
10 8 4
A Q 4
A J 9 8 3 2

North and South were vulnerable.
The bidding:
North 1♣ East 1♥ South Pass West Pass
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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

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MUTUAL FUNDS

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New International Bond Issues

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U.S. Heads For a Year Of Growth

By John M. Berry
Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The American economy is ending the year on a strong note and appears to have enough momentum that both private and government economists say they expect sustained growth of about 3 percent next year.

Bond Market Refuses to Give Ground

Fed Held Line in November

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
NEW YORK — Although many investors say the U.S. economy will expand in coming months, there is little evidence that bond traders foresee a significant rise in interest rates accompanying the gains.

The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, Dec. 27 - Dec. 31

A schedule of the week's economic and financial events, compiled for the International Herald Tribune by Bloomberg Business News.
Dec. 27 Tokyo: November industrial production, forecast 2.2 percent rise on month, 5.6 percent drop on year also.

GERMANY: Recovery Remains Elusive Three Years After Berlin Wall

Continued from Page 1
forces too complex for them to understand. The anger is directed not so much against outsiders as against Chancellor Helmut Kohl. When hard times fell after the post-unification boom, he told voters that he was wrong in 1990 when he promised that no one would be worse off after the country came together.

the loss of economic confidence in Germany on the fact that state, local and federal governments financed the reconstruction of the East's dilapidated infrastructure with budget deficits totaling 7 to 7.5 percent of the gross national product this year, a postwar record, according to the Bundesbank. The independent central bank had to slam the brakes on money-supply growth by raising interest rates, and business growth plummeted.

gaining by asking companies staggering under the impact of recession and cheap imports from Eastern Europe and other low-wage areas for wage increases over the next year of 5.5 percent, plus unspecified "job security measures." Few, including Mr. Bulck, expect to get it.

COMPUTER: U.S. Firms Gain Ground in Japan

Continued from Page 7
Japan, whatever the cost. The Japanese price-slashing has effectively neutralized the initial U.S. edge. Low prices are now needed, but are not enough, for U.S. concerns to gain ground.

What you see in the faces of young workers and trainees nowadays is fear.

Thomas Kennel, a union official.
with hourly wages nearly double those of American workers. Workers in France and in Belgium have waged bitter strikes and angry demonstrations in fierce resistance to the notion that their living standards may have to suffer in the short run to assure them of jobs over the longer term.

Euromarkets At a Glance

Table with columns: Eurobond Yields, Weekly Sales, Libor Rates. Includes data for various currencies and markets.

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COMPUTER: U.S. Firms Gain Ground in Japan. Japan has lagged the United States in personal computers, held back largely by the custom of writing thousands of complex kanji characters by hand.

WORLD STOCKS IN REVIEW

Amsterdam

Stocks extended their rally last week, the CBS all share index closing at 278.60 points, a record, up from 272.60 points at the previous week's close.

Apart from the financial sector, the market moved broadly higher. Relatively high gains were achieved by publishers. Elsevier was up more than 8 percent at 180.90 guilders, VNU added almost 7 percent to close at 170.00.

Frankfurt

The DAX spot trend indicator ended on Thursday at a record 2,222.89 points, up 3.34 percent from the previous Friday close.

Traders said the market had been expecting a rise beyond the 2,200-point mark, which finally came on Thursday, thanks to a throng of German and foreign investors beefing up their portfolios before the end of the year.

The Frankfurt market has advanced by almost 40 percent for 1993 as a whole, and investors expect another good rise in 1994.

Hong Kong

The Hang Seng index leaped 4.5 percent last week, rising 470.98 points, to a record 11,039.84 on Friday.

Average daily turnover amounted to 8.379 billion Hong Kong dollars, down from the previous week's 11,600 billion Hong Kong dollars.

London

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange T-SE index rose by 75.2 points last week, to a record close of 3,412.3 points, after touching an all-time high of 3,412.4 points in earlier trading.

Dealers pushed shares higher, with the index boosted by confident remarks by Prime Minister John Major, hopes for a good start to 1994, and continuing hopes for a cut in interest rates in the new year.

Milan

Adoption of an austerity budget for 1994 boosted Milan shares last week in a week cut to four days by the Christmas holiday.

The Mibtel index gained 113 points, or 1.8 percent, to finish the week at 10,719.

Fiat gained 0.90 percent, Generali was 0.53 percent stronger, Olivetti added 1.77 percent and Pirelli was up 1.84 percent.

Paris

The CAC-40 index gained 2.5 percent on the week to finish at a record high of 2,251.48 points, boosted by signs of slowing inflation in Germany, which encouraged hopes of a relaxation in monetary policy from the Bundesbank early next year.

Shares were also lifted by a 0.7 percent fall in industrial production and a 1.4 percent fall in manufacturing output for October.

Singapore

The blue-chip Straits Times Industrial Index climbed 46.52 points, to close the week at 2,326.78 points. The broader-based SES All-Singapore index climbed 8.44 points, to 610.06 points.

Trading curbs imposed by a few

stock broking houses to restrict speculative buying and the dip in the Tokyo market dampened market sentiments early in the week, dealers said.

Tokyo

Prices lost ground last week, with investors concerned about political instability amid rumors of a dissolution of parliament and fresh elections in January.

The Nikkei Stock Average of 225-selected issues in the major first section fell 910.8 points, or 5.3 percent, to 17,141.11 points after rising 794.48 points the previous week.

Zurich

The Swiss Performance Index closed at 1,868.47, up 51.49 points from the previous week.

The market was led higher by buoyant trading in financial futures as investors banked on a significant upturn in Swiss company earnings in 1994 and a European round of interest rate cuts.

Banks are expected to benefit from both developments and they led the way higher.

400 Firms Under Thai Tax Scrutiny

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BANGKOK — Police are investigating more than 400 companies on suspicion of using a tax-fraud "service" that cost the government \$800,000 in revenue, a newspaper reported Sunday.

An officer, Pipop na Ranong, said the investigation followed the arrests Friday of three people who allegedly were offering to falsify data on tax forms for a fee, the newspaper The Nation reported.

About 400 companies had used the service over the last two years, the officer said. The police said the swindle had cost the government at least 20 million baht (\$800,000) in value-added taxes.

Investigators say they believed government Revenue Department officials may have collaborated with the three suspects.

If convicted of fraud, the three could face as much as seven years in prison and 200,000 baht in fines. Separately, Thailand's top investigator of economic crimes said stock manipulation, false financial reports and other white-collar crime drained an estimated 40 billion baht from the economy this year.

The Bangkok Post on Saturday quoted the commander of the police department's economic crime investigation division, Vachin Khunagong, as saying more than 30 alleged manipulators had been arrested this year in an effort to end corruption on the Stock Exchange.

Share-price manipulation and falsification of financial reports cost the Thai stock market 33.5 billion baht between Oct. 1, 1992, and Dec. 15, 1993, Mr. Vachin was quoted as saying. (AP, UPI)

SHORT COVER

Kobe Steel to Cut 15% of Workers

TOKYO (Bloomberg) — Kobe Steel Ltd. will reduce its work force by 3,000, or 15 percent, by March 1996 to cope with the slump in demand for steel, the newspaper Nihon Keizai reported Saturday.

Kobe earlier planned to cut only 1,500 of its 20,200 jobs, the report said. It did not say how the cuts would be carried out. Japanese companies typically trim staff via attrition and transfers to affiliated companies.

Isuzu Forecasts Current-Year Profit

TOKYO — Isuzu Motors Ltd.'s pretax loss narrowed 57 percent, to 10.2 billion yen (\$92.2 million), in the year ended in October, and the truck maker forecasts a return to profit in the current year.

Isuzu, an affiliate of General Motors Corp. of the United States, on Friday predicted pretax profit of 1 billion yen for the current year, despite a year-on-year increase in the first half, ending in April.

America West Says It Has New Offer

PHOENIX, Arizona (Combined Dispatches) — America West Airlines said it had received a preliminary offer from the Steinhilber Group, a New York-based investment fund, to invest as much as \$250 million in the airline's return for an equity stake of as much as 80 percent.

America West Chairman W.A. Franke said the offer was a vote of confidence in the company's reorganization plan. A separate offer of \$150 million injection was withdrawn earlier in the week. The company is operating under bankruptcy-court protection. (AP, Knight-Ridder)

JWP Says Involuntary Petition Filed

RYE BROOK, New York (Bloomberg) — JWP Inc. said an involuntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition had been filed against it by three holders of its 7.75 percent convertible subordinated debentures.

The filing, announced Thursday, comes more than two months after the electrical and mechanical services contractor said it planned to file for Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code to restructure almost \$500 million of debt.

JWP said it intended to convert the filing to a voluntary proceeding and expected to complete its bankruptcy-law proceedings by March 31.

For the Record

Japan said it would suspend a project with Boeing Co. to develop a new passenger aircraft because there appeared to be little demand for the plane.

Australian Mutual Provident Society, Australia's biggest life insurer, said it would expand operations in Asia through a joint venture with Panin Life Insurance Co. of Indonesia.

Istituto Mobiliare Italiano's share offering will open Jan. 31; company sources said. (Reuters)

Daimler Set For Listing In China

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BONN — Daimler-Benz AG, Germany's largest automaker, will become the first foreign company to list shares on the Shanghai stock exchange, a Daimler executive said in an interview published Sunday.

Daimler's chief financial officer, Gerhard Liener, told the German newspaper Welt am Sonntag that China had agreed to alter its regulations to allow Daimler's shares to trade "according to the usual international rules."

He said the listing was expected to occur in the second half of 1994. The Daimler shares would be traded in the form of depository receipts.

The automotive, aerospace and electrical engineering conglomerate also plans to list its shares in Singapore, Mr. Liener said.

Daimler-Benz this month posted a loss of 2.05 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.21 billion) for the first nine months of 1993. It also has announced plans to cut tens of thousands of jobs to assist its turnaround and has said it could not guarantee it would maintain its dividend for 1993 at the previous year's level.

Mr. Liener said the move to the Shanghai bourse had become possible because China was doing away with what he called extremely restrictive securities regulations.

He said the most important regulatory changes concerned capital transfers in convertible currency. The newspaper gave no further details, and Daimler-Benz executives were not available for comment.

Daimler executives had said previously that the company planned to list shares in Shanghai but had not said when it planned to do so. (Bloomberg, UPI, Reuters)

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Table with columns for various stock markets: Amsterdam, Hong Kong, London, Milan, Paris, Singapore, Zurich, Sao Paulo, Tokyo, and others. Includes indices and price changes.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Large table of NASDAQ stock market data, including OTC Consolidated trading for week ended Friday, Dec. 24, and various stock listings with prices and volume.

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MONDAY SPORTS

Russian Gangs Threaten Families to Extort Cash From NHL Players

By Joe Lapointe
New York Times Service
NEW YORK — National Hockey League players with ties to the former Soviet Union are being pressured by Russian gangsters running protection rackets to pay money to guarantee the safety of their families, according to several sources.

Members. Players have been harassed and bothered. There have been threats and demands for payment, the whole works, the Russian Mafia. Everybody is aware of it. It is not a good situation.

"I heard that the Mafia wants \$10,000 to protect your family," Kasparitis said. "People say to me, 'Watch out for the Mafia,' and that they will say, 'You make all this money now. Give us some.'"

Asked if his client has been a victim, Zlobinsky said: "I am not aware of any specific incident with Fetisov, but I know it is a general problem. Asked to name specific players who have been targets, he said: 'It's hearsay, and I'd rather not use the names.'"

Another prominent agent, who spoke on condition that he not be named, said he had heard that the brother of a player was beaten in Russia and the player was told to pay one gang to protect his family from another gang.

The league is aware of the article in the Montreal newspaper, but that the league would not have a statement.

Helene Elliott and Lisa Dillman of the Los Angeles Times reported: The Vancouver Province newspaper has quoted city police sources as saying Canuck winger Pavel Bure has been a target of organized crime groups and has made two payments to a man who had befriended Russian players.

ensure his safety and that of his family. "If I promised them a radio, now it's a stereo system," he said.

All-Star Team Set for East

TORONTO — Montreal goaltender Patrick Roy will make his fifth straight start and Boston defenseman Ray Bourque his 13th appearance in the NHL All-Star Game.



Claude Lemieux, who got an up-close and unpleasant look at Drake Bereshovsky, scored two power-play goals as the New Jersey Devils beat the struggling Toronto Maple Leafs, 3-2. Vyacheslav Fetisov of the Devils reportedly has paid money to gangsters to insure the safety of his family.

Drug Testers Pay a Surprise Visit To China's Top Women Runners

BEIJING — The Chinese women's distance runners who surprised the track world with record-breaking times earlier this year have themselves been surprised by being given unannounced drug tests.

The official Xinhua news agency, which reported the visit, did not give the results of the tests.

weightlifting world record holder, tested positive for use of performance-enhancing drugs this year.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

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ATP Refutes Becker: A 'Clean Slate'

FRANKFURT — A story in a German newspaper quoting Boris Becker as saying that some players on the ATP Tour were getting away with drug use drew a quick and negative response from a top tour official.

The report, published in Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, quoted the three-time Wimbledon champion from Germany as saying that it was a "joke" that no tennis player had been punished for drug abuse by the ATP.

Among singles players ranked No. 21 to No. 100, 68 were tested, 46 more than once, the ATP said.

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MONDAY SPORTS

Phoenix Jolts Houston, 111-91

On a day when giving was the norm, the Phoenix Suns did the taking. Kevin Johnson, who had 36 points and nine rebounds, said the real Suns showed up in a 111-91 Christmas Day victory over the visiting Houston Rockets...

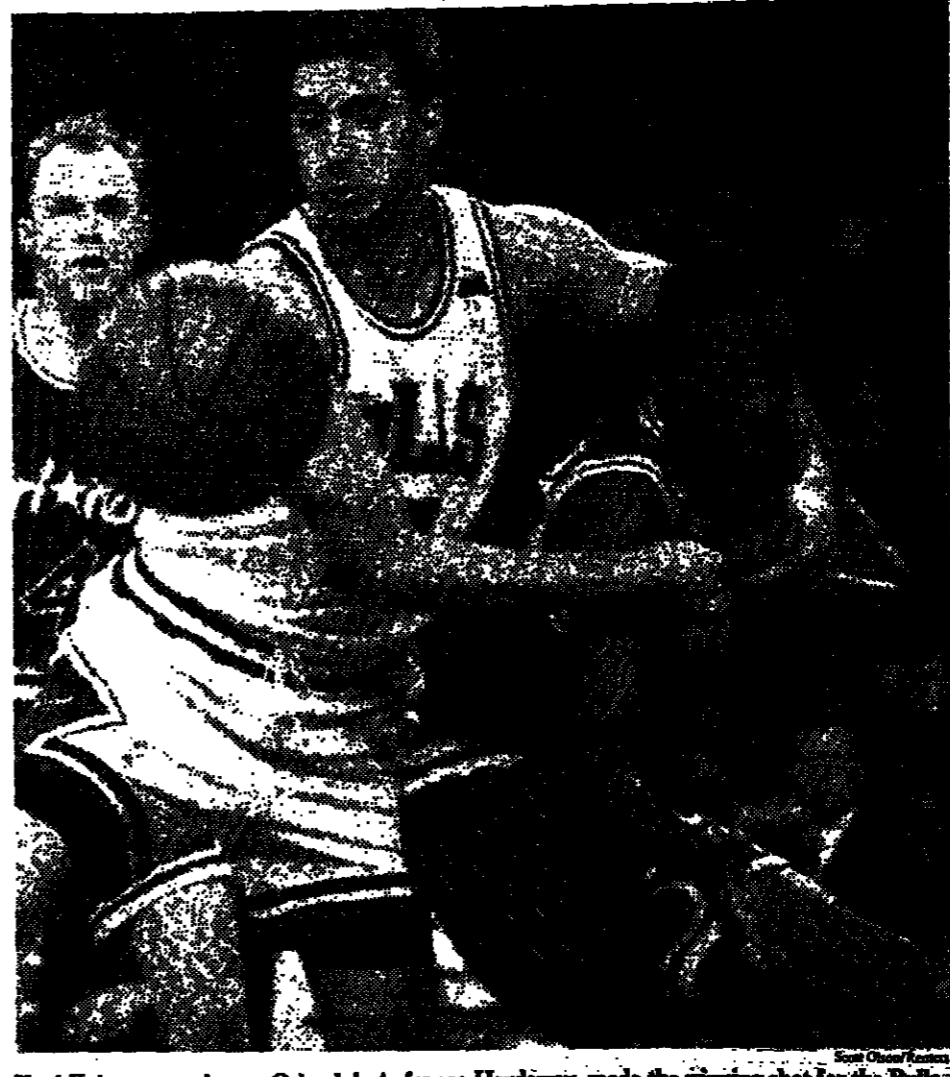
and Robert Horry scored 20 points. Barkley scored 13 points in the third period, helping the Suns to an 84-68 lead. But the Suns went 4-45 without a point early in the fourth quarter and Olajuwon led a 12-0 rally.

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

The dominating center started the run with a basket and finished it with a three-point play, shaving the deficit to 89-82 with 7:10 to go. But Barkley snapped his team out of its funk with an offensive rebound. Although he missed the layup, Barkley was fouled and made two free throws, and the Suns went on a 7-0 run to open breathing space.

Hurley Leaves Hospital for Christmas

SACRAMENTO, California — Smiling faintly, a weakened, wheelchair-bound Bobby Hurley left University Medical Center on Friday nearly two weeks after his near-fatal automobile crash.



Toni Kukoc, wrapping up Orlando's Anfernee Hardaway, made the winning shot for the Bulls.

Kentucky Nips Arizona

LAHAINA, Hawaii — Jeff Brassow's tip-in at the buzzer capped one of the wildest December games ever as No. 5 Kentucky beat No. 13 Arizona, 93-92, to win the Maui Invitational. Khalid Reeves had given Arizona (8-1) a 92-91 lead with two free throws with 5.5 seconds to play Thursday night. He had that chance only after television replays had to be used to determine that the ball belonged to Arizona after a 35-second shot clock violation by Kentucky with 9.6 seconds remaining.

SCOREBOARD

Table containing NBA Standings for Eastern Conference (Atlantic and Central Divisions) and Western Conference (Midwest and Pacific Divisions). It lists teams like New York, Orlando, Miami, Boston, Philadelphia, and Washington, along with their win-loss records and percentages.

Table containing Major College Scores. It lists various college basketball games and their final scores, such as Boston 31, Charlotte 24, and Michigan 84.

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CRICKET

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FOOTBALL

Table containing Football results. It lists NFL Standings for the American Conference and National Conference, including teams like Buffalo, Miami, and New England.

HOCKEY

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TRANSACTIONS

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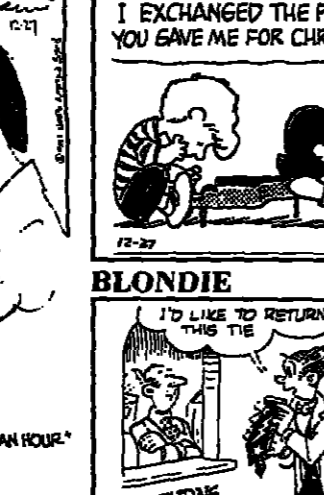
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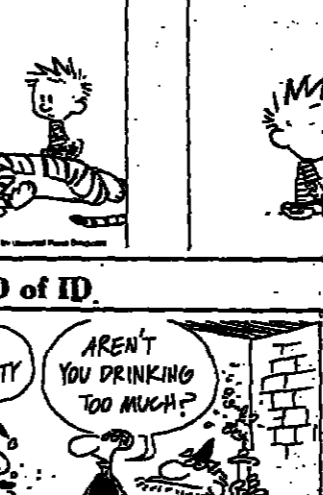
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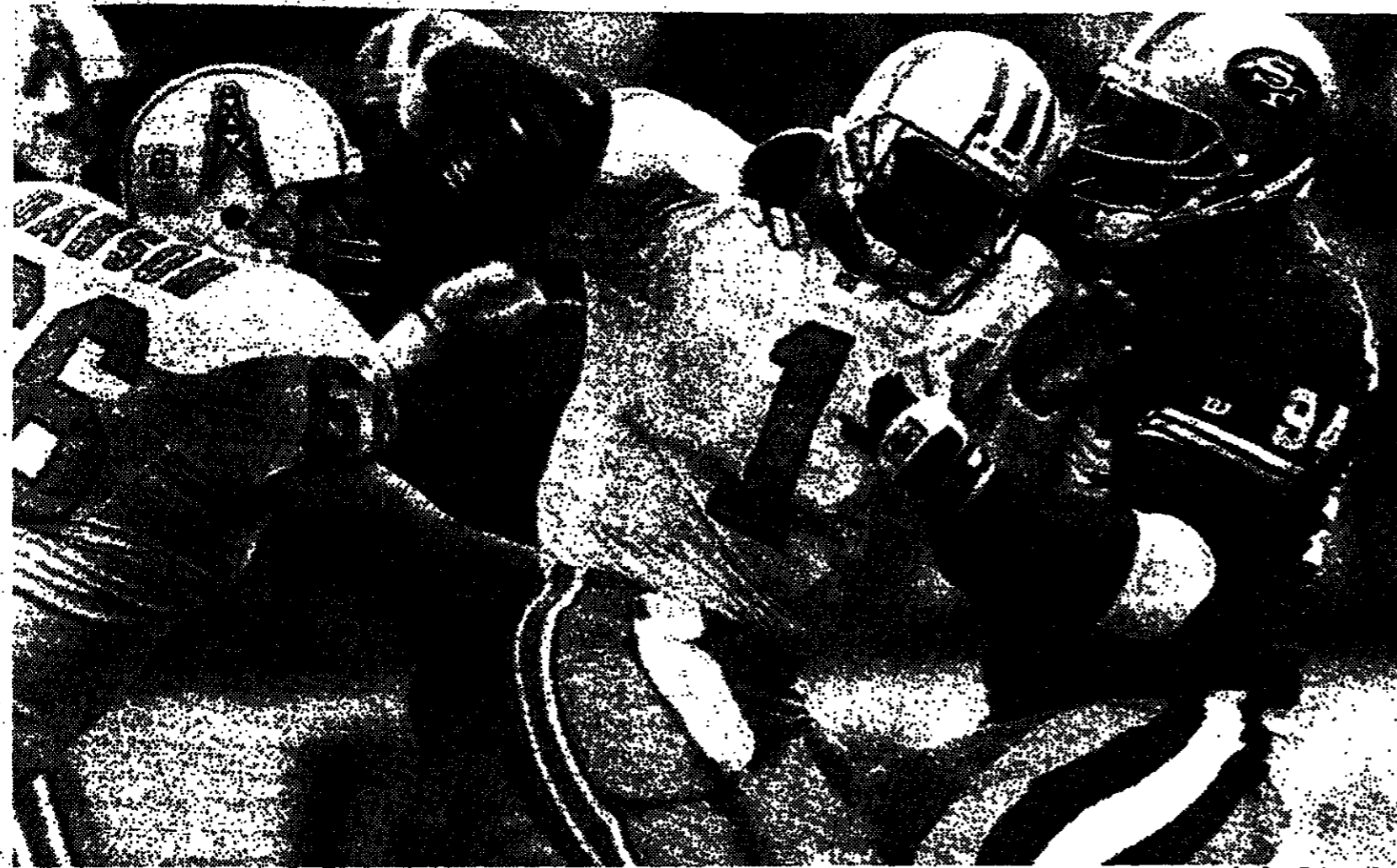
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MONDAY SPORTS

Packers Overwhelm Raiders to Gain First Playoff Berth Since 1982



Houston quarterback Warren Moon being wrestled to a standstill by San Francisco's Dana Stubblefield during an error-filled game that the Oilers held on to win, 10-7.

The Green Bay Packers returned to the NFC playoffs for the first time in 11 years with a numbing victory Sunday on another icy December afternoon at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Green Bay shut out the Los Angeles Raiders, 28-0, a win that coupled with Philadelphia's victory over New Orleans earned the Packers their first playoff berth since the strike-shortened 1982 season and first in a nonstrike year since 1972. The Packers (9-6), now assured of a wild-card berth, can win their first NFC Central title since 1972 by beating the Lions next Sunday. Green Bay has put together back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1966-67 when it won the first two Super Bowls. Green Bay's Sterling Sharpe made some history of his own Sunday, becoming the first NFL receiver to have two 100-catch seasons when he grabbed a 26-yard pass from Brett Favre in the first quarter. Sharpe, who set an NFL record with 108 catches last season, caught seven Sunday, including a 23-yarder from Favre to give the Packers a 14-0 lead in the third quarter. He now has 106 receptions this season. The Raiders (9-6), who lost quarterback Jeff Hostetler to a concussion in the third quarter, can still make the playoffs but will need to beat Denver next week to do so. Los Angeles quarterbacks were sacked eight times Sunday. Players had trouble with the footing and catching the football, and fans, accustomed to the cold, came bundled in orange hunting

garb and every combination of winter wear. There were 5,025 no-shows. The Packers finally cracked through the sub-zero wind chill at the end of the first half for a 7-0 lead on Edgus Bennett's 1-yard scoring run with 1:01 to go. Lions 20, Bears 14; In Chicago, Detroit rode the passing and running of backups Erik Kramer and to give up the ball at the Detroit 46 after eight snaps. Kramer had a 20-yard TD pass to Brett Perriman and Jason Hanson kicked field goals of 40 and 37 yards for the Lions. Bills 16, Jets 14: The plot had two familiar elements: a cold day near the end of the season, and the New York Jets. The ending was the same: a division crown for the Buffalo Bills. The Bills, who clinched three of their last four AFC East titles by beating the Jets, did it again Sunday in Orchard Park, New York. Steve Christie kicked three field goals to get Buffalo (11-4) into the playoffs for the sixth straight season. The Bills have won the last three AFC championships, only to lose in the Super Bowl each time. The loss dropped the Jets to 8-7. Christie, who earlier hit from 38 and 36 yards, hit a 40-yarder with 3:48 left in the game to win it. New York's Cary Blanchard missed all three of his field goal attempts, including a 42-yarder with 53 seconds to play. Boomer Esiason threw touchdown passes to Johnny Johnson, who had 175 total yards, and Chris Burkett. Eagles 37, Saints 26: The Philadelphia defense probably was playing together at home for the last time. Mike Buck was starting for the first time in the NFL. It was a bad combination for the New Orleans Saints. Eric Allen returned two interceptions for touchdowns, tying an NFL record with four in a season, and Philadelphia's once-dominant defense gave a flashback to what used to be, setting up 26 of the Eagles' points. The Saints, who started the season 5-0, fell to 7-8 and had their playoff hopes seriously damaged. The Eagles, who went from 4-0 to 7-8, also have a mathematical shot at the playoffs. The Eagles defense already has lost Reggie White to free agency and may soon lose Clyde Simmons and Seth Joyner. Back for a safety and forced a crucial fumble to keep an 18-point second quarter that rallied Philadelphia from a 9-0 deficit. Bengals 21, Falcons 17: In Cincinnati, David Klingler finished another career day with the biggest touchdown pass of his career. Klingler threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Carl Pickens — his career-best third of the game — with one minute left to help the Bengals eliminate the Atlanta Falcons from playoff contention. The Bengals (3-12) drove 70 yards in eight plays for the winning score behind Klingler, who scrambled 26 yards to get into scoring range. Pickens ran a simple turnaround pattern in front of cornerback Darnell Walker to get open for Cincinnati's second consecutive win. Atlanta (6-9) fell out of contention with consecutive losses to struggling teams — Washington and Cincinnati. Patriots 38, Colts 0: New England completed a three-week sweep of the AFC's worst teams, recording their first shutout since 1987 with their defeat of Indianapolis. It was New England's biggest margin of victory since a 56-3 win over the New York Jets on Sept. 9, 1979. The Patriots (4-11) have won only 13 games in the 1990s, and five have come against the Colts (4-11). In a game played Saturday: Oilers 10, 49ers 7: In San Francisco, a meeting of the two highest-scoring teams in the NFL turned into a mistake-prone, low-scoring affair as Houston won its 10th straight. Houston (11-4), second to San Francisco in scoring, got just enough offense to overcome three turnovers and remained in the race for the home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs. The 49ers (10-5) had a 13-game regular season home winning streak end. They already have clinched the NFC West title and a first-round playoff bye.

Colorado Tops Fresno St. in Aloha Bowl Aikman Gets \$50 Million Contract From Cowboys

Rashaan Salaam scored three touchdowns and Colorado recycled four turnovers into 24 points as the 17th-ranked Buffaloes outscored Fresno State, 41-20, in the Aloha Bowl in Honolulu. The Colorado onslaught offset a passing display by Fresno State's Trent Diller, who was 37-of-63 for 523 yards and two touchdowns Saturday. He was intercepted once, ending a string of 318 passes without being picked off. Salaam, who rushed for 844 yards in nine games in the regular season, scored on runs of 2, 40 and 4 yards and finished with 135 yards on 23 carries. Gray 17, Blue 10: Kelvin Simons, a late replacement for injured Auburn quarterback Stan White, completed 16 of 25 passes for 171 yards and the Gray rallied with two fourth-quarter touchdowns less than a minute apart in the Blue-Gray all-star game in Montgomery, Alabama. Simmons, from Troy State, set a Blue-Gray record by completing seven straight passes on a game-winning drive early in the fourth quarter. His three-yard scoring toss Dorsey Lewis of Georgia Tech made it 10-10 with 10:23 left. Tulsa quarterback Gus Frazier completed a 34-yard pass to Chris Penn to move the Blue to the Gray 49. But on the next play, Washington's Ben Bryant fumbled and Georgia's Greg Tumble scooped it up and ran 57 yards down the left sideline to the Blue 4 to set up a 67-yard touchdown run by Maryland's Mark Mason. No. 19 Oklahoma 41, Texas Tech 10: Cale Gundy threw three touchdown passes as No. 19 Oklahoma posted a 41-10 victory over Texas Tech in the John Hancock Bowl in El Paso, Texas. Gundy completed 15 of 26 passes for 215 yards to dominate the Red Raiders. Gundy, the most prolific passer in Oklahoma history, set another school record for most passing TDs in a bowl game and was named the bowl's MVP.

By Frank Litsky New York Times Service NEW YORK — Troy Aikman, the Dallas Cowboys' 27-year-old quarterback, has agreed to an eight-year, \$50-million contract that will make him the highest-paid player in professional football history. The contract includes an immediate signing bonus of \$11 million. The agreement replaces the last two years of a contract that would have paid Aikman \$1.17 million this season and \$1.37 million next season, salaries that would have left him no higher than the 31st highest paid quarterback in a 28-team league. Aikman's new contract calls for annual salaries of \$2.5 million in 1993, \$1.75 million in 1994, \$4.15 million in 1995, \$4.90 million in 1996, \$5.25 million in 1997, \$6.2 million in 1998, \$6.75 million in 1999 and \$7.5 million in 2000. The agreement, reached Thursday in a telephone conversation between Jerry Jones, the Cowboys' owner, and Leigh Steinberg, the agent for Aikman, surpasses the \$26.75-million, five-year pact that Steinberg negotiated this year for Steve Young, the San Francisco 49ers' quarterback. Aikman's annual average of \$6.25 million betters Young's high of \$5.35 million. Thursday was the final day to rework existing contracts and include some of the money in a 1993 contract. Next year, for the first time, NFL teams must operate under a salary cap. For example, \$1.33 of Aikman's \$50 million was added to his 1993 salary and is then exempt from the cap. The \$11-million signing bonus must be prorated over the course of the contract, so \$1.375 million of that is assigned to 1993 and also exempt from the cap. Aikman's average salary is not the largest in team sports. Wayne Gretzky makes \$8.5 million yearly for the Los Angeles Kings of the National Hockey League, Barry Bonds \$7.29 million for major league baseball's San Francisco Giants, and Larry Johnson \$7 million for the Charlotte Hornets of the National Basketball Association. The Cowboys' previous highest-paid player was Emmitt Smith, the



Quarterback Troy Aikman, with Jerry Jones, owner of the Cowboys, became the highest-paid player in professional football history.

running back whose new contract will pay him \$13.6 million over four years, or \$3.4 million a year. Earlier last week, the Detroit Lions signed running back Barry Sanders for four years at an average of \$4.3 million a year, making him the highest-paid nonquarterback ever. "One of the reasons I was willing to make that kind of commitment, Aikman said, "is that the entire Dallas Cowboys organization has shown that it will do what has to be done to be competitive." This is the fifth pro season for Aikman, a first-round draft choice from UCLA in 1989. He is a 6-foot, 4-inch, 222-pound pocket passer. In January, he led the Cowboys to a Super Bowl championship and was voted the game's most valuable player. Steinberg, speaking from a

plane, said the negotiations were amicable but exhausting. "They went hard and long into Wednesday night and Thursday morning," he said. "Jerry Jones wanted Troy to stay a Cowboy for the rest of his career. We said he should be the highest-paid player and the Cowboys made it happen. We're just thrilled. It was difficult because we were working against a deadline." Actually, the contract may be worth more than \$50 million. If Aikman ranks among the NFL's top five in quarterback ratings or if he makes the Pro Bowl or if the Cowboys get to the National Conference championship game, a clause goes into effect over the last two years of the contract. It assures him of being paid the average of the five highest-paid quarterbacks in the league, if that would give him a higher salary. "It's just a way of guarding against changes," Steinberg said. Steinberg said that in the final days of the on-and-off negotiations, Aikman mailed him a pair of black boots. "He said they were the western equivalent of Dorothy and her lucky shoes," Steinberg said. "He wouldn't let me take them off. He made me promise I would negotiate with my boots on, and I did." On the final day to keep at least some money from counting against the cap, several other contracts were signed, The Associated Press reported. Dallas also agreed to a three-year extension with tackle Erik Williams, while the San Francisco 49ers agreed to deals with nine players. Wide receiver John Taylor got \$7.74 million for four years, and tight end Brent Jones \$6.95 million over four years, cornerback Eric Davis signed for \$2.4 million over two years, safety Merton Hanks signed for \$2.8 million for three years, guard Derrick Deese received \$622,000 over two years, safety Damien Russell \$920,000 over three years, guard Ralph Tamm \$3.1 million over three years, wide receiver Nate Singleton \$687,500 over three years and defensive end Karl Wilson \$855,000 over two years. These deals all included 1993. Running back Johnny Johnson and the New York Jets agreed to a \$5 million, two-year deal with a club option for 1996.

SIDELINES

Times of World Cup Matches Changed

ZURICH (AP) — After consultations with television networks, FIFA has changed the starting times for three first-round matches in the 1994 World Cup. The June 23 match between Italy and Norway at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, was moved to 2000 GMT from 2300, and the match between Bolivia and South Korea at Foxboro Stadium, near Boston, was moved to 2330 from 2000. The June 25 match between Saudi Arabia and Morocco at Giants Stadium was moved to 1630 from 2300. Colombia World Cup player Carlos Munoz was killed Saturday night in auto accident near Guayaquil, police said.

Cuba Says No to Playing in Japan

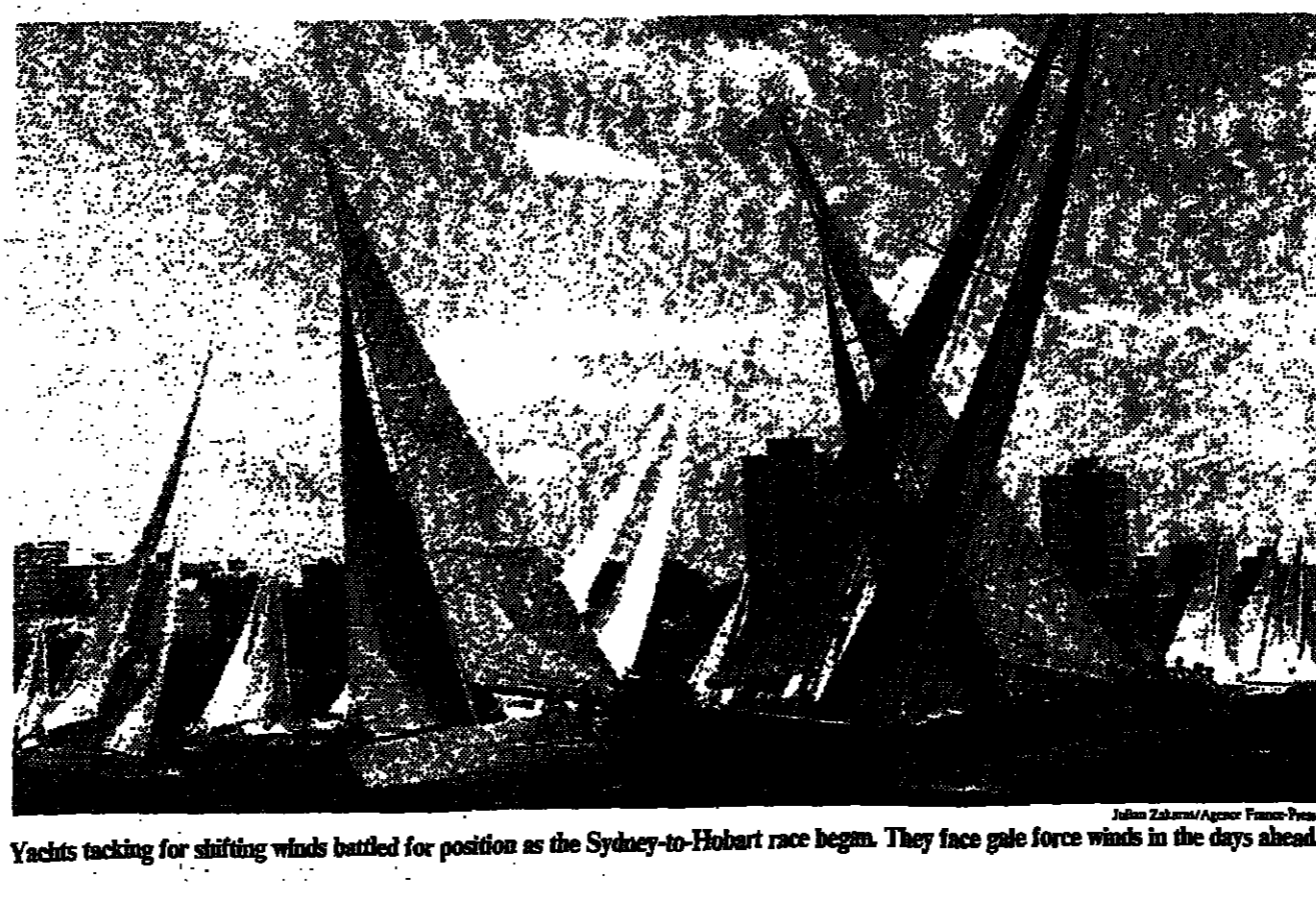
MEXICO CITY (AP) — The world's greatest unpaid baseball players apparently aren't yet ready to start playing for pay. Cuba's commissioner of baseball, Domingo Zabelo, according to the government's Prensa Latina news agency, said that "for the moment, there are no possibilities or plans" for two Cubans to play in the Japanese leagues next year. Lenny Dykstra, who hit .438 with four homers and eight RBIs in the World Series loss to Toronto, has tentatively agreed to a \$24.9 million, four-year contract extension that runs through 1998 and will make him the highest-paid player in Philadelphia Phillies history.

For the Record

English soccer's governing body, citing insufficient evidence, said it will not charge Wimbledon striker John Fashanu over an elbow incident that nearly blinded Tottenham captain Gary Mabbutt. Va'anga Talama, the New Zealand winger who is probably the most popular member of the All Blacks team, has made the switch to professional rugby by signing a contract with English league champion Wigan. The contract was reported to be worth about £400,000 (\$600,000) over 4 1/2 years.

Brindabella Takes Lead In Sydney-Hobart Race

SYDNEY — The favorite, Brindabella, got off to a brilliant start Sunday in the 49th Sydney-to-Hobart race and forged out of Sydney Harbor six minutes ahead of pocket maul Hammer of Queensland. Tacking into the face of a freshening 15 knot northeaster, Brindabella took only 12 minutes to reach the heads and quickly hoisted a spinnaker to take advantage of the tail wind before strong southerly headwinds hit the fleet. Forecasters predicted one of the toughest races ever, with gale force headwinds up to 40 to 50 knots. "It doesn't look good. It could be the worst Sydney-to-Hobart ever," said forecaster Rodger Badaman. The worse race on record was in 1984 when one crewman was killed and 104 of the 150 boats retired. Hammer of Queensland, now in its ninth Sydney-to-Hobart, performed exceptionally well in the freshening headwind to edge past the second favorite, Amazon, and was second out of the harbor. Race veteran Ragamuffin was fourth after being forced to tack across to the southern shore where there was less breeze. Many of the smaller boats were considering charting a course well out to sea in an attempt to sail around the bad weather. But George Snow, owner of the 22.9-meter (75-foot) Brindabella still believed he had a chance of breaking the 18-year race record. Race sponsor Kodak is offering 100,000 Australian dollars (\$60,000) to the yacht breaking the record of 2 days, 14 hours, 36 minutes, 56 seconds set by the American maxi ketch Kialoa in 1975. Brindabella, launched only three months ago, took line honors by 16 hours in its inaugural outing, the 408-mile Gosford-to-Lord Howe, against the wind. It also took line honors in all six races in the seven-race Southern Cross Cup series last week. The Sydney-to-Hobart is the seventh race. New Morning II was forced to retire four minutes into the race when she broke a mast after a collision. That left 104 boats in the fleet.



Yachts tacking for shifting winds battled for position as the Sydney-to-Hobart race began. They face gale force winds in the days ahead.

